

January 15, 2007

OQMG Regimental Officer  
US Army Quartermaster Center  
1201 22nd Street  
Fort Lee, VA 23801-1601

Sir:

I have recently learned of the Quartermaster Regimental Honors program and I am pleased to nominate Colonel (R) Terry E. Thrall for selection as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment.

Colonel Thrall, in a career of nearly thirty-three years, served with distinction in a multitude of operational and institutional logistics assignments which reflected great credit upon the Quartermaster Corps.

A creative logistician, he repeatedly conceived, planned, and implemented innovative approaches to completing missions. As a teacher, he brought an enlightened understanding of emerging logistics doctrine and concepts to logisticians all over the country. As a mentor, he motivated, trained and developed numerous officers who continue his tradition of superior service. As a committed Quartermaster Corps officer, he tirelessly promoted the branch, the Corps and the Association of Quartermasters.

The enclosed service narrative and biographical summary will detail the numerous accomplishments of this superb officer. He is truly a credit to the Quartermaster Regiment and I respectfully solicit your favorable consideration of this nomination.

  
Galene Schlosser  
CW5 (Ret)

## COLONEL TERRY E. THRALL

Colonel Thrall entered the Army as an enlisted soldier in 1971 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant through the Officer Candidate School in 1977. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management from Purdue University. His military education includes completion of the Infantry and Quartermaster Officer Basic Courses, the Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course, the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the Naval War College.

After developmental company-grade assignments, he served as: Logistics Officer (S-4), 428<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade; Logistics Operations Officer, 21<sup>st</sup> Support Command; Force Development Officer, 19<sup>th</sup> Theater Army Area Command; Training Officer, Army Logistics Management College; Force Integration Officer, Combined Arms Support Command; and Deputy Commander, 164<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Group.

Colonel Thrall personally trained over four hundred field grade Multifunctional Logistics officers; conceived and coordinated the Force XXI Logistics-focused rotation 99-05 at the National Training Center; and, nominated almost thirty distinguished Quartermasters for the Order of Saint Martin.

Awards and decorations which Colonel Thrall has received include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (with five Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with seven Oak Leaf Clusters) and the Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster).

Colonel Thrall was inducted into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame in 2003. He is a Life Member of the Association of Quartermasters and a 1998 recipient of the Distinguished Order of Saint Martin.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY**

**As of 1 August 2006**

**THRALL, Terry Eugene**

**Colonel, Quartermaster, AUS, Retired**

**Date and Place of Birth:** 11 May 1949, Logansport, Indiana

**Retirement Date:** 31 August 2004

**Home Address:** 1917 South Brighton Circle  
Mesa, Arizona 85209  
(480) 218-9143  
e-mail: Terry.Thrall@us.army.mil

**Present Assignment:** Retired Reserve  
U.S. Army Human Resources Command  
Saint Louis, MO

**Enlisted Service:**

8 October 1971 - 11 April 1977

**Source and Date of Commission or Appointment:**

Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, GA, 12 April 1977

**Total Years of Commissioned Service:**

Over 27 years

**Total Years of Service: (Commissioned and Enlisted)**

Over 32 years

**Military Education:**

	<b><u>Year Completed</u></b>
Quartermaster School, Officer Basic Course	1979
Quartermaster School, Officer Advanced Course	1980
Infantry School, Officer Basic Course	1981
Marine Corps Institute, Amphibious Warfare School	1982
Combined Arms & Services Staff School	1987
Command & General Staff College	1988
Logistics Executive Development Course	1992
Naval War College	1997
Inspector General Course	2001

**Educational Degrees: (School, city, state,  
degree, major & date)**

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN  
B.S. (Industrial Management)

**Year Received**

1971



**Decorations, Service Medals, and Badges:**

Legion of Merit (2004)  
 Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters  
 (1986, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996, 2001)  
 Army Commendation Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters  
 (1982, 1983, 1985, 1985, 1988, 1990, 1994, 1996)  
 Army Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster (1984, 1987)  
 Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with seven Oak Leaf  
 Clusters (1975, 1979, 1983, 1987, 1991, 1997, 2000, 2003)  
 National Defense Service Medal (1991, 2002)  
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (2004)  
 Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (2003)  
 Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Hourglass Device (1981, 1991, 2001)  
 Army Service Ribbon (1981)  
 Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon with numeral 4  
 (1985, 1986, 1987, 1987)

**Chronological List of Appointments:**

2LT	12 Apr 77
1LT	12 Apr 80
CPT	15 Jul 82
MAJ	14 Jul 89
LTC	13 Jul 96
COL	1 Aug 01

**Chronological Record of Duty Assignments:**

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
S-4 Officer, 428 <sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade, South Bend, IN	Aug 83	Sep 86
Logistics Operations Officer, 21 <sup>st</sup> Theater Army Area Command, Indianapolis, IN	Sep 86	Jul 88
Student, Command & General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS	Aug 88	Dec 88
Logistics Readiness Officer, 124 <sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Command, Seattle, WA	Jan 89	Jun 90
Secretary of the General Staff, 124 <sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Command	Jul 90	Aug 91
Special Assistant to the Commanding General for Force Integration, 124 <sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Command	Sep 91	Jul 92
Student, Army Logistics Management College, Fort Lee, VA	Aug 92	Dec 92
Organizational Training Officer, 103 <sup>rd</sup> Corps Support Command, Des Moines, IA	Dec 92	Sep 93
Force Development Officer, 19 <sup>th</sup> Theater Army Area Command, Des Moines, IA	Sep 93	Aug 94

**THRALL, Terry E.**

**As of 1 August 2006**

Training Development Officer, Army Logistics Management College, Fort Lee, VA	Sep 94	Jul 96
Total Force Integration Officer, Combat Service Support Battle Laboratory, Combined Arms Support Command, Fort Lee, VA	Jul 96	Oct 97
Deputy Commander 164 <sup>th</sup> Corps Support Group Mesa, AZ	Oct 97	Jul 01
Inspector General 63 <sup>rd</sup> RSC Los Alamitos, CA	Aug 01	Present

**Professional Honors:**

April 1998 – awarded the Distinguished Order of Saint Martin by the Quartermaster General  
April 2003 – inducted into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame  
August 2004 – awarded the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe by the Chief of Ordnance  
August 2004 – awarded the Honorable Order of Saint Christopher by the Chief of Transportation  
August 2004 – awarded the Order of Saint Maurice (Legionnaire) by the National Infantry Assn.  
August 2004 – awarded the Noble Patron of Armor by the Armor Association  
September 2004 – awarded the Knowlton Award by the Military Intelligence Corps Association

**Professional Associations:**

Association of the United States Army, Association of Quartermasters (Life Member), Reserve Officers Association (Life Member), Military Officers Association of America (Life Member), National Infantry Association, American Legion

**Civilian Honors:**

August 2004 – designated a “Sagamore of the Wabash” by Joseph Kernan, Governor of Indiana

## NARRATIVE

- Colonel Terry E. Thrall has served our Army for more than thirty two years. A chronology of his assignments is listed in his Biographical Data. This narrative highlights specific accomplishments.
- Terry E. Thrall was born May 11, 1949 in Logansport, Indiana. He entered the U.S. Army Reserve on 8 October 1971 at Lafayette, Indiana. He served as an enlisted Engineer Equipment Repairman until April 1977 when he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon completion of the Officer Candidate School. He served in a series of company-grade assignments until August 1983 when he returned to Active Duty in the Active Guard/Reserve program, serving until his retirement in August 2004.
- While assigned as S-4, 428<sup>th</sup> FA Brigade from 1983-1986, then-CPT Thrall initially demonstrated the creativity for which he would become well-known by conceiving, planning and executing the round-trip inland transit via marine ferry of two complete battalions to their scheduled training site. An Army Reserve magazine article detailing the success of the project is enclosed. Awarded Meritorious Service Medal.
- As Logistics Plans and Operations Officer, 124<sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Command, then-Major Thrall was called upon to ensure the successful mobilization of numerous units for deployment to Operation Desert Shield/Storm. His performance in this capacity was superb and flawless. Awarded second and third Meritorious Service Medals.
- Assigned to the 103<sup>rd</sup> Corps Support Command, later the CONUS Augmentation to the 19<sup>th</sup> Theater Army Area Command, then-Major Thrall demonstrated extraordinary skill and ability in leading the integration of this new unit with its Republic of Korea-based parent command. Awarded fourth Meritorious Service Medal.
- While assigned to the Army Logistics Management College, then-Major Thrall personally qualified over four-hundred Army Reserve officers nationwide as multifunctional logisticians. In this assignment, he also mentored and guided numerous officers through completion of the Associate Logistics Development Course.
- As chief of the Force XXI branch in the Combat Service Support Battle Laboratory, Combined Arms Support Command, the-Lieutenant Colonel Thrall served as the senior Logistics evaluator for the series of exercises and concept demonstrations for the digitized Experimental Force, or EXFOR. Awarded fifth Meritorious Service Medal.



# Cruising to AT

By Capt. Terry Thrall

It's common knowledge that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line.

But, when your mission is to move more than 250 Army Reserve field artillerymen and 190 loaded trucks and trailers from Michigan-based reserve centers to AT at Fort McCoy, Wis., you've got a little problem with that straight-line theory — how do you *convoy* across Lake Michigan?

You hire a ship! That's what the 123rd ARCOM did last summer when two battalions of the 428th Field Artillery Brigade sailed from Ludington, Mich., to Kewaunee, Wis., on the ferry *City of Midland* in the largest military troop movement to occur on the Great Lakes since the wartime years of the 1940s.

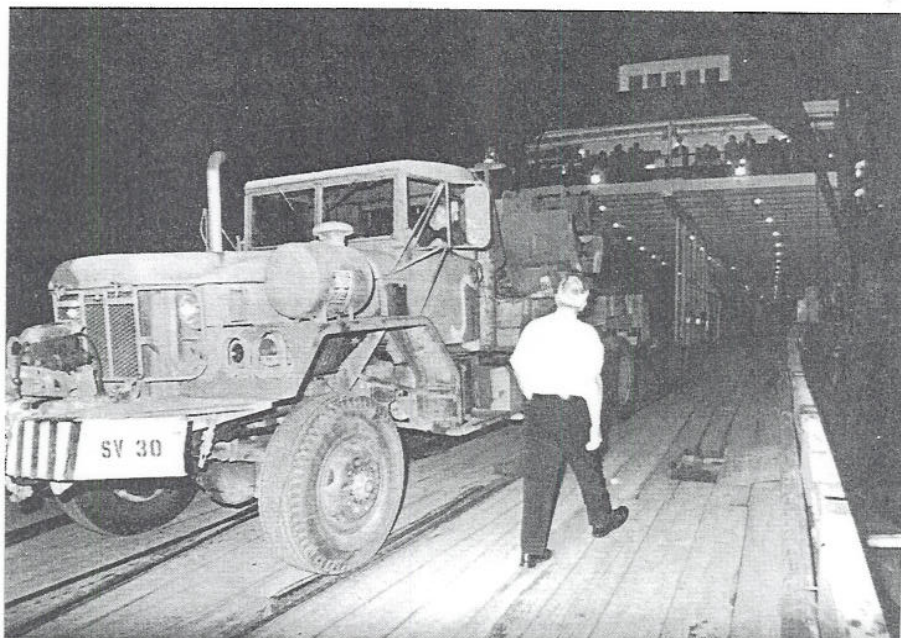
Both battalions had performed AT at Fort McCoy many times. Always before, however, the convoys were routed via interstate highways around the southern tip of Lake Michigan and through the congested Chicago metropolitan area. Heavy traffic and frequent delays caused by tollway interchanges and highway construction added frustration to an already lengthy and numbing journey in hot, noisy, bone-jarring Army tactical vehicles.

This time the trip was different.

## On The "City of Midland"

After road marches from their reserve centers in the Michigan cities of Lansing, Pontiac, Bay City, Bad Axe and Saginaw, soldiers of the 4th Bn., 20th Artillery, and 4th Bn., 38th Artillery, arrived with police escorts at the Michigan-Wisconsin Transportation Company's Ludington dock for the voyage to the Wisconsin port city of Kewaunee.

In cooperation with the ship's crew, the excited but apprehensive soldiers began the laborious process of loading their vehicles onto the vessel. With the ship's captain in charge, personally guiding vehicles as they rolled aboard, smaller vehicles were



Members of the ferry crew help back a wrecker onto the ship's vehicle deck.

driven up the steep ramp to the upper deck while larger ones were backed into the cavernous hold.

Soon, all remaining military equipment, the soldiers and a few civilian vehicles and passengers were on board. Then, with a long blast of the ship's horn, the lines are released, the powerful engines roared to life, and the *City of Midland* steamed out of the harbor into Lake Michigan.

As the water churned in the wake behind them, the troops found ways to keep busy. Many just relaxed on the deck, some watched television or played video games, a few stopped for a bite to eat at the ship's snack bar. It was not your routine convoy.

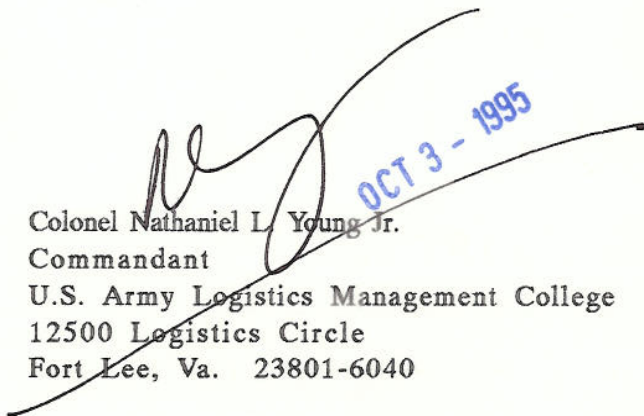
In slightly less than four hours, the port of Kewaunee came into view and, soon after, the vessel backed to the dock. Within minutes, in a smooth procession punctuated by clouds of diesel exhaust smoke and the high-pitched whine of "deuce-and-a-half" turbochargers, the vehicles departed from the ship for a five-minute drive to the Kewaunee Reserve Center.

Travelers waiting to board the ferry for its return trip to Michigan and the townspeople of Kewaunee were amazed to see camouflaged vehicles and soldiers rumbling down the streets of the small and peaceful fishing village.

After reorganizing into convoy serials, the troops steered their vehicles onto the highway for the drive to Fort McCoy. Several hours later, after stops for meals and fuel, the convoys arrived safely to successfully complete this unique and creative mission.

Was the ferry trip worth the planning and effort? Unit leaders say it cut driving mileage and time by 50 percent and soldiers arrived at Fort McCoy with high morale, ready to train. Both units received favorable training evaluations and the 4/38 passed its nuclear Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP).

Perhaps most significantly, ARCOM and brigade planners are getting ready for another ferry crossing for the two battalions on their way to annual training in June.

  
OCT 3 - 1995  
Colonel Nathaniel L. Young Jr.  
Commandant  
U.S. Army Logistics Management College  
12500 Logistics Circle  
Fort Lee, Va. 23801-6040

5 September 1995

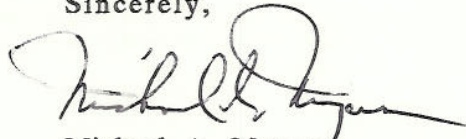
Dear Colonel Young:

I am sending this letter in appreciation for the fine course of instruction and presentation on MULTI-FUNCTIONAL LOGISTICS conducted by Major Terry Thrall. This course of instruction was presented at the 304th MMC in Los Angeles on 14 - 25 August 1995.

This program was well paced with a logically sequenced format. Because of the fine job Major Thrall did in the conduct of this course the knowledge of the participating officers was significantly enhanced. The usefulness of this knowledge was immediately apparant in the preparation briefings the officers of this command presented for the upcoming exercise CASCADE STEEL. This very important exercise being conducted by the 311th COSCOM and its subordinate units will be held 15 - 22 October 1995 at Fort Lewis, Wa. Because of the enhanced skills learned while participating in the MULTI-FUNCTIONAL LOGISTICS course the problem solving skills of the participating officers of this command will be significantly enhanced.

Thank you for supporting this program.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Meyers  
Col. GS, USAR  
G-4, 311TH COSCOM



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# HEADQUARTERS 329 SUPPORT GROUP (AREA)

Virginia Army National Guard  
1096 SOUTH BIRDNECK ROAD  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23451-5000




ASG-CDR

20 September 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR Commandant, U.S. Army Logistics Management  
College, 12500 Logistics Circle, Ft Lee,  
Virginia, 23807-6040

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

1. I would like to pass on my appreciation to the Army Logistics Management College and to Major Terry Thrall specifically for providing outstanding instruction to my officers and NCO's during Annual Training, 13-17 June 1995.
2. Major Thrall volunteered to schedule an additional Reserve Component Multifunction Combat Service Support Logistics class exclusively for the 329th Support Group (Area), Virginia Army National Guard. He provided the instruction and administrative support for the 80 hour POI.
3. I was unable to attend the entire Annual Training period due to a conflict with the Army War College Active Duty Phase; however, I have talked with all the class participants and have seen copies of the AAR's. MAJ Thrall can certainly take pride and pleasure in the responses and reactions. His knowledge and motivation and willingness to share are commendable. Please pass on our appreciation to MAJ Thrall for his dedication to the Combat Service Support Community.

  
J.W. GODWIN JR.  
COL, AD, VaARNG  
Commanding



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
UNITED STATES ARMY LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT COLLEGE  
FORT LEE, VIRGINIA  
23801-6040



OCT 122 1995 September 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR Colonel Nathaniel L. Young, Commandant, U.S.  
Army Logistics Management College, 12500  
Logistics Circle, Fort Lee, VA 23801-6040

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

1. I would like to take this opportunity to personally recognize the dedication and service provided to the students of the Directorate of Logistics-Reserve Component (DOL-RC) class #95-003 by Major Terry Thrall.
2. Throughout the two-week class period, Major Thrall maintained close contact with the class and assisted in coordinating support in a multitude of ways. He consistently communicated with me to ensure that all Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Department of the Army civilians were provided outstanding administrative support. Major Thrall made the facilities and equipment of his office available to me, as well as other students, when the need arose, so that we might readily complete required work for both the class as well as our home station responsibilities.
3. Major Thrall is clearly an outstanding member of your staff and a credit to the reputation of the Army Logistics Management College. A selfless professional, I urge you to commend and reward this soldier for outstanding performance of duty.

*William J. Nagy*  
William J. Nagy  
Colonel, Quartermaster Corps  
United States Army Reserve  
Class Leader, DOL-RC 95-003



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 91st DIVISION(EX)  
BUILDING 602, MURRAY CIRCLE  
FORT BAKER, CALIFORNIA 94965-5099

AFRC-ECA-LG

28 January, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR Colonel Nathaniel L. Young, Jr.  
Commandant  
U.S. Army Logistics Management  
Building 12500  
2401 Quarters Road  
Fort Lee, VA 23801-1705

*Re* FEB 16 1996

SUBJECT: ALMC-RC Class

1. For the last two weeks I attended the class conducted by MAJ Terry Thrall at Camp Parks in Dublin, CA. It was a superb learning exercise!!
2. This month is my first as the G4 for the 91st Division (Ex). After having spent my 16 years in the USAR in the Initial Entry Training business I knew plenty about Drill Sergeants but nothing about logistics at higher levels. MAJ Thrall was exceptional at providing the insight I needed and also did considerable mentoring to insure my questions and concerns were answered.
3. Many years ago I had worked in a COSCOM in Germany, now that experience combined with the high level perspective that this class provided, gives me the confidence that I can add value to the 91st Div(Ex). The class greatly aided all students, mainly because their USAR careers have not given them the broad perspective on the total logistical requirements that are involved in today's Army structure.
4. The course is of high quality. MAJ Thrall and I talked about additions to improve the AV portions to allow for greater understanding of the combat requirements that are playing out today in the real world. I highly recommend this class be retained and continue to educate the USAR force. As a reservist, MAJ Thrall has the proper understanding of the citizen soldier to enable him to be effective in the faculty role. Please pass along my congratulations to him for a job well done.

*Bruce A. Adams*

Bruce A. Adams  
COL, IN, USAR  
G4



Colonel Paul E. Mock  
5506 Malachite Avenue  
Alta Loma, CA 91737-2248

March 27, 1996

Colonel Nathaniel L. Young Jr.  
Commandant  
U.S. Army Logistics Management College  
2401 Quarters Road  
Fort Lee, VA 23801-1705

*Great Job, Terry!*  
*N. Young*  
APR 01 1996

Dear Colonel Young:

I recently attended the Multifunctional Logistics Management Course (90A), February 20 through March 1, 1996, conducted at the West Los Angeles Reserve Center, Los Angeles, CA.

There are two items I wish to bring to your attention.

1. Major Terry Thrall's performance as the multifunctional course instructor was superlative. All members of the class lauded his duty performance. He was credible, relevant, and on-target.

2. The multifunctional course was relevant to the business of the 311th Support Command (Corps). The material presented was clear, well presented and supports the multifunctional logistics management responsibilities of the COSCOM. Numerous officers from the 311th COSCOM have attended this course, all with varying depths of knowledge concerning logistics. The consistent feedback from attendees was that the course is a 'must attend' for COSCOM officers.

If you have any questions, please write or telephone me. I can be contacted at 1-800-508-7924.

Sincerely,

*Paul E. Mock*

Paul E. Mock  
Colonel, IN, USAR





**First Brigade (BCST)**

**91st Division (Exercise)**

THE 1ST BRIGADE TAKES GREAT PLEASURE  
— IN AWARDING THIS —



# *Certificate of Appreciation*

TO  
**MAJ TERRY THRAILL**

For your outstanding performance as an instructor for the RC-Multi-Functional CSS Course from 15 to 26 April 1996. Your personal commitment and dedication is a critical component in meeting the 1st Brigade mission and maintaining a high standard of excellence.

April 26, 1996

DANIEL C. BALOUGH  
BG, USAR, AR  
COMMANDING



**COLONEL BRUCE P. ZELIS**  
**1943 FIRST AVENUE**  
**WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596**

26 April 1996


Colonel Nathaniel L. Young, Jr.  
Commandant  
U. S. Army Logistics Management College  
2401 Quarters Road  
Fort Lee, VA 23801-1705

Dear Colonel Young:

I have just completed the Reserve Component Multifunctional Combat Service Support Course conducted by Major Terry Thrall of your Reserve Affairs Office for the 91st Division (Exercise) at Camp Parks, Dublin, California, during the period of 15-26 April 1996.

As the senior officer in the course, I want to make you aware of the outstanding job performed by Major Thrall as course instructor. Major Thrall also provided the student officers with some very timely mentorship and advice regarding career development opportunities and the implications of the future implementation of the Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act (ROPMA). Many of the students enrolled in the Associate Logistics Executive Development Course, the Senior Transportation Officer Qualification Course, and the Quartermaster Officer Branch Transfer Course. Major Thrall personally submitted these enrollments to the Army Institute for Professional Development.

The Reserve Component Multifunctional Combat Service Support Course will be instrumental in making 91st Division (Exercise) Combat Service Support officers much better prepared to perform their exercise and evaluation missions. This course must be maintained in your curriculum and offered to the maximum extent possible as resources will permit.

  
Bruce P. Zelis  
Colonel, Infantry



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COMBINED ARMS SUPPORT COMMAND  
AND  
FORT LEE



*Let it be known  
that*

***Lieutenant Colonel Terry Thrall**  
served the Battle Lab, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support  
Command and Fort Lee  
in an outstanding manner.*

*His untiring efforts and distinguished years of service  
reflect great credit on him, CASCOM and  
the United States Army.*

Given at Fort Lee,  
Virginia, this 7th day  
of October, 1997



*Daniel G Brown*  
**Daniel G. Brown**  
MG, U.S. Army  
Commanding

